

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 22-37, which were allowed in the July 9, 2004 Office Action, remain pending in the present application. Claim 38 has been canceled herein, and claims 1-21 were previously been canceled in the Amendment and Request for Reconsideration submitted on April 15, 2004.

Anticipation Rejection of Claim 38 in view of Voss

In the July 9, 2004 Office Action, claim 38 was finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Voss. To expedite prosecution of the present application, claim 38 has been canceled herein, without prejudice to reassert that, as well as previously-canceled claims 1-21, in further continuing application(s) filed during the pendency of the present application. The cancellation of claim 38 thus renders moot the rejection based upon Voss.

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In view of the foregoing, applicant submits that claims 22-37 remain allowable, as indicated in previous Office Actions. Applicant also submits that the present amendment and remarks should be entered as they do not raise any issues requiring further searching and/or consideration, and in any event place the present application in better condition for appeal, if necessary. In this regard, the present amendment simply cancels the only unallowed claim in the present application, leaving in the application only those claims that have already been allowed. The Examiner is invited to telephone the applicant's undersigned attorney at (312) 775-8123 if any unresolved matters remain.

This Amendment After Final Rejection is being submitted within two months of the issuance of the outstanding final rejection. Please charge any fees incurred in connection with this submission to Deposit Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,



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